



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since our last meeting, Whyalla Steel has gone through some tumultuous times; the company has gone into voluntary administration. What does this mean for the Satellite City BMX Club and the project: nothing. In early April, we released the first progress payment. The first payment permitted Spanlift Australia to purchase the required steel for the project. Fortunately, we did this when we did; since Whyalla Steel went into voluntary administration, the Australian Government imposed an *import duty* on steel purchased from China which has driven the price of steel from china up between 37% and 53% (depending on what is purchased) and, as I understand it, the local price of steel has risen as well. Any rise in the price of steel would have had a significant impact on the project. With regard to the project, it is still *on track*.

On 9 April 2016, a number of committee members volunteered their time to work at a display at the Palmerston Shopping Centre aimed at encouraging new members to the club. The display not only showcased bikes but it also had for sale some of our merchandise such as eskies and shirts. The day resulted in excellent exposure for the club and a number of new memberships have been received. A special thanks to Terri, Sally, Rachel, Michelle and Tammy for volunteering your time to assist with the sign on day.

At our last meeting there was discussion around the Satellite City BMX Club holding the 2017 NT Titles and then more broadly, a part in the National Series in 2018. Unfortunately, we will not be hosting the 2017 NT Titles; Nhulunbuy have secured the 2017 NT Titles. However, if that does not progress, then it is likely that we may be a successful contender. At the BMXNT meeting on Saturday 24 April 2016, I expressed an interest on behalf of the Satellite City BMX Club to be involved in a BMX National Series. Consequence of support from BMXNT, I will be submitting an application to hold rounds for the 2018 National Series. This will give us the 2017 race year to ready the facility for use and an opportunity to prepare for the event (administratively).

Racing has been occurring at the Ahrens Arena (Jingili BMX Club) for a number of weeks now. The assistance that Satellite City BMX Club members have afforded to the Jingili BMX Club has been excellent. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank our volunteers and committee members for helping the Jingili BMX club.